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This report consolidates preliminary state, federal, and tribal data for the 2010 Pacific whiting fishery. Due to concerns about the incidental catch of overfished species, sector-specific bycatch limits are in place in the non-tribal sectors of the fishery for canary, darkblotched and widow rockfish. If any of the sector-specific bycatch limits is reached, the primary whiting seasons for that sector will end regardless of the amount of whiting allocation remaining.

	Original Allocation as Adjusted by Reapportionments		Whiting Catch* (mt)	Overfished Species and Chinook salmon catch	Thru [date]	Status	Percent of allocation taken
	Percentages	Metric Tons					
California (south of 42 N lat.)	(5% shore alloc'n; included in WOC shore allocation)	2,961	2,421			started 4/1, closed 8 pm 5/16	82%
Coastwide	--	NA	21,726			starts 6/15	
WOC shore-based	42% commercial OY	59,218	24,147	Canary – 3.74 mt Widow – 28.24 mt Darkblotched – 2.39 mt Chinook #567	8/2		41%
Mothership (n. of 42 N. lat.)	24% commercial OY	33,839	33,505	Canary – 0.33 mt Widow – 33.94 mt Darkblotched – 5.47 mt Chinook #457	8/2	started 5/15, closed midnight 6/5	99%
Catcher/processor (n. of 42 N. lat.)	34% commercial OY	47,939	6,157	Canary – 0.04 mt Widow – 2.15 mt Darkblotched – 0.23 mt Chinook #74	8/2	started 5/15	13%
Total nontribal	commercial OY	140,996	63,809	Canary – 4.11 mt Widow – 64.33 mt Darkblotched – 8.09 mt Chinook #1,098	--	--	45%
Tribal (Makah)		49,939	4,354	Canary – 0.31 mt Widow – 0.64 mt Darkblotched – 0 mt Chinook #163	8/2		9%
Total directed fishing		190,935	68,163	Canary – 4.42 mt Widow – 64.97 mt Darkblotched – 8.09 mt Chinook #1,261	--		36%

* Catch includes: discards from at-sea processors; weigh-backs from shore-based vessels; and catch landed under trip limits prior to the season. The values for at-sea processing sectors are based on NMFS observer data. Data for shore-based vessels were derived from electronic fish ticket submissions. Data for the at-sea processing portion of the Makah fishery are based on preliminary NMFS observer data and shore-based catch provided by tribal samplers. All weights are in metric ton (2,204.6 pounds)